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SAN FRANCISCO and America's Porta-

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

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& CO.

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £58,000.

HEAD OFFICE 49, Threadneedle Street, West End Office 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to a

bad application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " "

" 3 " 3 " "

On CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$8,163,062.50

RESERVE FUND \$9,482,127.20

RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$8,163,062.50

PROPRIETORS \$8,163,062.50

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed on deposits on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is made on the Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 364

Intimations.

THE FANCY DRESS BALL.

LADY DES VÉUX'S FANCY DRESS BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE IS UN-AVAILABLE POSTPONED from TUESDAY, January 27th, to TUESDAY, February 3rd, HONGKONG, January 9, 1891. 71

DEUTSCHE DAMPSCHIFFS

RHEDERIE ZU HAMBURG.

THE IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL STEAMERS OF THE SUNDA LINE.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ROUTE.

OUTWARD—HAMBURG, AMSTERDAM, SOUTH-AMERICA, PORT SAID, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARAKA, SOUVABAYA, SAMARAKA, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE, PORT SAID, MARSEILLE, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG.

HOMEWARD—OURABAYA, SAMARAKA, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE, PORT SAID, MARSEILLE, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG.

ARRIVALS IN SINGAPORE, 1891.

LEAVE SINGAPORE ARRIVE SINGAPORE.

MARCH 8th s.s. SALVAGE FEB. 10th.

JAN. 16th s.s. SALVAGE FEB. 10th.

FEB. 16th s.s. TOWER MARCH 13th.

MARCH 16th s.s. LANTERN APRIL 10th.

APRIL 16th s.s. PRIDE MAY 11th.

DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE 1891.

LEAVE SINGAPORE ARRIVE MARSELLAINE.

MARCH 8th s.s. SALVAGE APRIL 3rd.

APRIL 5th s.s. TOWER MAY 1st.

MAY 5th s.s. LANTERN JUNE 1st.

JUNE 5th s.s. PRIDE JULY 1st.

ACCOMMODATION FOR PASSENGERS.

The Mail steamers of the SUNDA LINE are newly built, and are furnished with every requisite for the comfort of passengers.

They are fitted with the latest improvements to meet the requirements of travellers in the tropics. The saloons, are decked, the cabins, including the SALOON, are on deck, and each vessel has a special upper deck for promenade.

A HANDBOOK FOR PASSENGERS,

giving every information required, can be obtained on application of the Agents.

THE SPEED OF THE STEAMERS

has been made equal to that of the leading lines hitherto known in the East, and this being the ONLY DIRECT MAIL STEAMER COMMUNICATING BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN PORTS OF EUROPE, NOT CALLING AT INTERMEDIATE ASIATIC PORTS, OFFERS EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR PASSENGERS AND MAIL.

THE PASSENGER AND CARGO STEAMERS OF THE KINGSLIN LINE

run regularly fortnightly on the following route:

OUTWARD—HAMBURG, PENANG, SINGAPORE, HOKKAIDO, YOKOHAMA, HIROGO.

HOMEWARD—HIROGO, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, HAMBURG.

THE HOTEL IS UNUSURPED FOR COMFORT, CONVENIENCE AND QUICK SERVICE.

CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN.

MEERS. DORABEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1891. 1612

Business Notices.

STEIN & GRAY & WOODS & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW LOT OF

FELT HATS

(WEIGHT 4 OZ.)

WALKING STICKS AND UMBRELLAS.

HOSIERY AND OUTFITTING.

NEW SCARFS AND CRAVATS.

MORNING AND EVENING GLOVES.

SHIRTS, COLLARS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

CARDIGAN JACKETS (Silk Sleeves).

SADDLERY AND STABLE REQUISITES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 8, 1891. 52

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c.

(Opposite HONGKONG HOTEL).

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

AN MEETING of the COMMITTEE is called for THURSDAY NEXT, the 15th Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., at the HONGKONG HOTEL.

BUSINESS.

Election of New Members, To decide upon the date of First Athletic Meeting.

W. H. YOUNG,

Honorary Secretary, Hongkong, January 12, 1891. 55

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS.

SINGLE HANDICAP.

ENTRIES for the above will CLOSE on SATURDAY, the 17th Inst. Members wishing to enter will please Sign the Lists which are now lying in the Hongkong Club and Cricket Pavilion.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,

Hon. Sec., H.K.C.C. Hongkong, January 9, 1891. 72

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
MILLINERY, DRAPERY, FANCY
GOODS, ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 16th January, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m., sharp, at his Sales-Rooms, Bedford Street;

A QUANTITY OF
DRAPEY AND MILLINERY,
comprising—

LADY'S UMBRELLAS, PLAIN AND FANCY
SILK SUNSHADES, LADY'S AND CHILDREN'S
FABRIC COLOMBIAN AND VICTORIAN, LADY'S
AND CHILDREN'S CASHMERE HOSE, MEN'S
HALF HOSIERY, CHILDREN'S READY MADE
TUNICS AND FRONTS, LADY'S STRIPES AND
PLAIN SKIRTS, LADY'S BLACK KID GLOVES,
BROCADE SILKS AND LACE, FLOURNCINGS IN
NEWEST DESIGN FOR EVENING WEAR OR
TEA-GOWNS, LADY'S WATER-COUPON, PLUMET
BAKERIE, LACE, CUFFS AND COLLARS, GENTS'
WHITE SHIRTS, DRILL, ETC.

A QUANTITY OF FANCY GOODS.
Etc., Etc., Etc.

The above will be on view on Wednesday,
the 14th Instant, p.m.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 8, 1891.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PIANO, ETC., ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 17th January, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 37, Wyndham Street;

THE WHOLE OF THE
VALUABLE AND ELEGANT HOUSE-
HOLD FURNITURE, MOSTLY HALL
& HOLZ, Shanghai-made, and
comprising—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, UPHOLSTERED IN
ROSE AND GOLD SILK TAPESTRY, FANCY
CHAIRS, MABLE-YOP TABLES, PICTURES AND
ENGRAVINGS, CHIPPENDALE AND MANTLE
MIRRORS, BRASS FENDER, CARPETS, LACE
CURTAINS, HANDSOME LAMP ON BRASS
PEDESTAL, BRASS-FRAMED EMBROIDERED
FIRE SCREEN, ETC., ETC.

CATTEGE PIANO, by Otto, quite new;
HANDSOME CARVED SIDEBOARD WITH BE-
VELED GLASS BACK, GILT GLASS STAND,
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOCCOCO-COV-
ERED CHAIRS, ELECTRO-PLATED, GLASS AND
CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, DINNER WAG-
GON, ETC.

AMERICAN WALNUT BEDSTEAD
WITH SPRING AND HAIR MATRESSES, LADY'S
WALNUT, WITH BEVELED GLASS MARBLE
TOP BED-AND-DRESSING TABLE, MABLE-
TO-WALL AND SET, BED-ROOM SUITE,
BOOKCASE, MANTLE DRAPERY, ETC., ETC.

HALL FURNITURE AND STAIR CARPETING,
AMERICAN COOKING RANGE AND COOKING
UTENSILS, SHANGHAI BATHT, CANTON FLOWER
STAND, ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale,
and the above will be on view on Friday
next.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 12, 1891.

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A COMPETITION for the Subscription
of Handicap CHALLENGE CUP and
RANGE SPOONS will be held on SATUR-
DAY NEXT, the 17th Inst., at 3.30 p.m.
Distances—800 and 900 Yards, Ten Shots
at each. Position, any. Entrances Fee, 30.
Cents.

A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier
at 3 p.m. to take over Competitors.

C. VIVIAN LADDIS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESEX, LONDON
AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. Wordsworth, Captain Phillips,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Undersigned for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from themselves.

The Steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers
and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense, and no Fine Insurance will be
effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 23d Inst. or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

(Taking cargo at through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON,
LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship
Herzlitz,
Captain L. Marenz, will be
despatched for the above Ports on
WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND
ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-
LAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, ETC.)

The Steamship
Gulliver,
Capt. Stanxon, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 26th Inst.,
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Amoy,
Capt. Th. Lehmann, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 14th Inst.,
at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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UNION LINE.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
Worworth,
Capt. Phillips, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Taiyuan,
Capt. Phillips, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Rakim,
Capt. Davis, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, at
daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPEAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Priam,
Capt. Wilding, will be
despatched as above on
SUNDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Guy Manning,
Capt. Ford, will be
despatched for the above
Port on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1891.

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DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, &c.

PURE WINES.

We beg to invite careful attention to
the following selection from our
Wine List, for we have succeeded in com-
mencing purity and excellence of quality
with moderate prices.

SHERRY.

VINO GENEROSO.—per case per bottle

green seal \$6.00 \$6.60

VINO DE PASTO—a

medium dry wine with
delicate flavour, red seal \$10.00 \$11.00

AMONTILLADO—a high
class natural wine for con-
noisseurs of Sherry, yellow
seal \$12.00 \$14.00

DELICIOSO—the very fin-
est sherry procurable, 6
years in bottle \$14.00 \$15.75

PORT.

Superior quality \$10.00 \$11.00

Inval. Port, gold seal \$12.00 \$14.00

Old Tawny, soft and matur.
black seal \$14.00 \$14.25

Special selected old wine
age \$20.00 \$21.75

BURGUNDY.

BAUHAU—a full-bodied

Red Burgundy with
strengthening properties \$14.00 \$15.25

CHARBLES—a mellow White
Burgundy, fine-flavoured
bouquet \$14.00 \$15.25

CHAMPAGNE.

AVIZE—well matured

specialed selected wine \$18.00 \$17.75

LEMOINE—VIN BRUT

CUVÉE ROYALE As

Supplied regularly to the
Prince of Wales, House
of Commons, and the
chief clubs in London &c. \$22.00 \$22.00

Per case of 24 flints.....\$23.00 \$21.00

We are sole Agents in China for the sale
of this splendid Wine.

TELEPHONE NO. 60.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 12, 1891.—

Sion, British steamer, 991, J. M. Tol-
loch, Singapore and Hongkong January 9
General.—CIRCE.

January 13.—

Prat, German steamer, 655, J. J. Jansen,
Hilo January 7, Sanwoood.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Fokian, British steamer, 509, Davis,
Swatow January 12, General—DOUGLAS
STEAMSHIP CO.

Wordsworth, British steamer, 1,350, B.
Phillips, London via Penang, and Singapore
January 1, General—RUSSELL & Co.

Anchors, British steamer, 1,278, Wm.

Business Notices.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The Emperor of Japan has sanctioned the Bill passed by the Legislature for the opening of additional harbours for export purposes, and has also announced that Kusshiro will be among the numbers.

The Netherlands India Government, it is said, have not given up the idea of gaining over the titular Sultan of Aceh, and an embassy to his court with a view to opening further negotiations is under consideration.

In Banks, tin mining by machinery has turned out a failure after the usual ups and thousands of guilders had been spent on the experiment. Fresh machinery of larger power has been ordered from Britain.

A Burmese missionary society is said, backed by the British Government, to have applied to the Dutch Government for permission to labour among a tribe in Netherlands New Guinea close to the frontier line with the British portion of the island.

We hear that the effort of the Shanghai Customs Board to levy a blackmail of 10c. & per cent on all imported opium, and the guns of a battery pointed towards the coasting banks for the North, has been abandoned. The attempt thus to increase the tax fixed by treaty is one of the last imputations we have heard of for a long time.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The Netherlands India Government expect to secure Chinese coals for the mining in Banks next year at premiums of from thirty to forty dollars each, but new labourers of this kind will be charged 35 guilders each for cost of passage. To admit of accurate reckoning with the coolies in wages, the Netherlands Consul General at Singapore has been instructed at every postal opportunity to inform the Bank of Banks how the value of the dollar stands at Singapore.

BUSINESS AT HANKOW has been for some time past in a most depressed condition and money has been so tight that notes have largely taken the place of silver and cash. Much evil has necessarily resulted. When the telegram announcing the burning of the Shanghai arrived there was great excitement among the consignees. Many were the messages sent to Shanghai by wire making inquiries. Now it is rumoured that several banks, big and small, silk firms and general stores have closed, or failed, or suspended payment for a time being. Many are holding on bravely and there is no means of ascertaining their financial condition till the general settlement at the end of the Chinese year.

The Peking correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* writes:—The Emperor has just received in Peking the two ice-boats, or cutters made in Germany at a cost of £1,500 each. The one the writer saw has the body of a small couch, made for only one occupant, and set on steel runners, terminating in front in a large, erect brass dragon which glares upon all in his presence. Inside, the couch is lined with yellow silk and is provided with a watch fixed in its place, a mirror, and sockets in which may be placed articles for use and comfort. By a slight movement of the foot a hinged bell can be struck which will bring the animals (men) drawing the play thing to a standstill. Upon the four corners are fastened brass dragons, with yellow silk tassels suspended from their mouths. The body of the vehicle is painted a bright red and the trappings are in yellow. Under specially favourable circumstances, with very strong ice not covered with dust, as Peking ice always is, we can conceive that His Majesty could take pleasure in this costly toy.

The following Imperial decree appears in the *Shih-chao*:—On the 24th of the 11th moon I reverently behold a document issued by the Empress Dowager, Lot Prince Li Shih-to, act of the Emperor the Emperor in offering incense at the Middle Hall on the 7th, 9th and 18th days of the 12th moon. The ceremonies of worshipping deities in the Kuan-Polana are to be performed as usual. On the 8th day of the Emperor in the sixth moon of the next year all the customary ceremonies are to be performed, there will be no music, though the instruments will be arranged and set in order, and there will be no play-acting on the occasion. Respect this!—An Imperial Decree was issued on the 28th of the 11th moon. The Ministers, officials, and people are not to wear mourning for Prince Chia-un. All business is to be transacted as usual. No memorials expressing condolences need be presented and for the space of one year no congratulatory memorials should be forwarded to the Emperor. Respect this!

On the 11th day of the 11th moon (the Chinese winter solstice), His Imperial Chinese Majesty offered the annual sacrifice at the Temple of Heaven. Three days before the event an Imperial Edict was promulgated appointing Princes and Ministers to participate in the sacrifice, and to fast. The Emperor sat in the Tai-ho palace on the 9th and pursued the prayers prepared for the occasion. At 10 o'clock on the morning of the 10th, wearing the Imperial garments and hat the Emperor started from the Chong-tei palace, in the palace gardens, and stepped into his chair, which was carried by sixxian guardsmen dressed in red satin uniforms. Passing through the Te-ho-chong, Si-yuen, Si-wu and Hi-ho gates the Imperial procession arrived at Wu-men (the main gate). Here a crowd of Princes and Ministers in full court costumes, who were not to accompany the Emperor, knelt to receive him; and the Imperial procession passed on to the Temple of Heaven. First came a guard of honour armed with halberds and then the bannermen. Behind them rode the captain and officers of the Imperial Guard to the number of two hundred and more. Immediately following was an enormous elephant carrying the sacred vase, surrounded by spearmen, bowmen and swordsmen. Three large banners with a troop of cavalry equipped with swords, bows and arrows appeared next, and then walking in measured pace were eight splendid fine-looking horses decked with gold saddles, jade stirrups and yellow silken reins, a groom holding each by the bridle. Following these were golden incense burners smoking with fragrance. The Imperial chariot was then seen, preceded by a large umbrella of yellow satin embroidered with nine dragons sporting in the clouds, the umbrella having a curved handle. On each side of the chair several Ministers wearing buttons of precious stones, embroidered garments, and swords, rode on horse-back. The streets were lined with troops. Five camps of soldiers, comprising Bannermen, Mongols and Chinese were stationed about the Temple of Heaven. When the Emperor arrived he entered the Palace of Fasting, changed his dress, dined, and passed the night. At 4 o'clock on the morning of the 11th day the Emperor rode in an uncovered chair carried by eight men to the sacrificial grounds. After the usual ceremonies he offered incense at the Palace of the Sun. Then he put on the dragon robe and made the return journey. He entered the Tien-yang gate, burns incense to the God of War, and reached the Palace gardens by way of Tien-kung gate. He then offered congratulations to the Emperor Dowager.

The *Panang Gazette* lays stress on the importance of that port as trade centre for Panang and points out that the important mining districts of Itanb, Pandan, and Jelai are very much nearer Panang than Singapore. A glance at the map shows how very near they lie to the borders of Penang at its south-western part. It is said that the distance between Tapah, the point to which the projected Kinta Valley railway for which tenders are now invited is at present to run, and the Pebang boundary at Sikim is not more than 29 miles, eight of which are at present covered by a cart-road, the rest being bridge-path. This is the quickest route to Jelai in Panang.

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In the Shantou district of the Kuangting province lived a man named Ho, who was formerly a fisherman and changed his occupation to farming. By dint of toil and economy he acquired some money and property. Lately he received seven letters in succession from gang of pirates asking for money. The request was not complied with. Ho knowing that the black-mailers would never be satisfied. Preparations, however, were made to give the pirates a warm reception in case they attempted to carry out their threats. For a time nothing occurred to give any definite vigilance or apprehension. One night the pirates suddenly appeared. The man who seemed to be the leader held in the hand a long dirk on which were written the words "Hall of Harmony and Righteousness." Behind him marched in good order fifty men, firing off their guns along the road. The villagers and garrison, though very loud in their talk, were completely cowed. The pirates plundered every house in the village, and in revenge for their want of attention to their written demands they commenced to set the houses on fire before taking their final departure. When the villagers got over their fright and put out the fires, they found everything portable gone, and that twenty houses and twenty-five cotcot sheds had been burnt down. The case was reported to the Magistrate, but no trace could be found of the marauders. The people again settled down to their occupation, but ten days after the event another note was delivered to the now thoroughly frightened villagers, demanding a large sum of money which was to be handed over to a certain shop. The signature to the note was "Hall of Grand Righteousness." Ho was driven to desperation and started for Canton. He informed the Prefect of the danger the villagers were placed in, and a guard of soldiers was sent to the place to afford the people protection. Shantou is a large town not very far from Canton.—*Hippo*.

TRANSLATIONS of several inscriptions engraved upon some of the many tables with which the city of Nanking is adorned, have been made. One of these was the apse delivered by the Emperor K'ang-hsi to the citizens for their extravagance and love of display and exertion to economy. The exhortation has been very carefully preserved on a tablet in the Drum Tower, but otherwise does not seem to have produced much effect. The translation is made by Rev. Mr. Meige. Dr. Macleish made a translation of the inscription which the Emperor gave to the people when he was in the capital, and then the bannermen, behind them the captain and officers of the Imperial Guard to the number of two hundred and more. Immediately following was an enormous elephant carrying the sacred vase, surrounded by spearmen, bowmen and swordsmen. Three large banners with a troop of cavalry equipped with swords, bows and arrows appeared next, and then walking in measured pace were eight splendid fine-looking horses decked with gold saddles, jade stirrups and yellow silken reins, a groom holding each by the bridle. Following these were golden incense burners smoking with fragrance. The Imperial chariot was then seen, preceded by a large umbrella of yellow satin embroidered with nine dragons sporting in the clouds, the umbrella having a curved handle. On each side of the chair several Ministers wearing buttons of precious stones, embroidered garments, and swords, rode on horse-back. The streets were lined with troops. Five camps of soldiers, comprising Bannermen, Mongols and Chinese were stationed about the Temple of Heaven. When the Emperor arrived he entered the Palace of Fasting, changed his dress, dined, and passed the night. At 4 o'clock on the morning of the 11th day the Emperor rode in an uncovered chair carried by eight men to the sacrificial grounds. After the usual ceremonies he offered incense at the Palace of the Sun. Then he put on the dragon robe and made the return journey. He entered the Tien-yang gate, burns incense to the God of War, and reached the Palace gardens by way of Tien-kung gate. He then offered congratulations to the Emperor Dowager.

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**O. D. HARMAN,
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Hongkong, January 3, 1891. 28

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